AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

[1] (currently amended) A compound represented by formula (I),

[Formula 1]

$$R^2$$
 OR^1
 R^4
 OH
 OH

[wherein wherein

X is a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom;

 R^1 is a hydrogen atom or $-(C_nH_{2n})-R'$ (wherein n is an integer of 1 to 5; and R' is a hydrogen atom, a group COOR" or -COR" of a substituent on any one of the n carbon atoms, wherein R" is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-4} alkyl group; and R" is a pyridyl group, an amino group substituted with a C_{1-4} alkyl group, a phenoxyalkyl group having a halogen atom on the carbon atoms of the benzene ring or a phenyl group having a C_{1-4} alkoxy group or a C_{1-4} alkoxycarbonyl group on the carbon atoms of the benzene ring);

R² is a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₄ alkyl group;

R³ is -CHO or -COOH; and

 $R^4 \text{ is } -CH = CH - (CH_2)_p - CH_3 \text{ (wherein p is an integer of 1 to 12), } -CH(OH) - (CH_2)_q - CH_3$ (wherein q is an integer of 1 to 13), $-CH(OH) - CH_2 - CH(CH_3) - (CH_2)_2 - CH = C(CH_3)_2$, $-CH(CH_3) - (CH_2)_3 - CH(CH_3)_2$, $-(CH_2)_2 - CH(CH_3) - (CH_2)_3 - CH(CH_3)_2$ or $-(CH_2)_8 - CH_3$,

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a compound represented by the following formulae,

[Formula 2-1]

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[Formula 2-2]

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[Formula 2-3]

an optical isomer thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[2] (original) The compound of claim 1 represented by formula (I), wherein

X is a hydrogen atom;

R¹ is a hydrogen atom;

R² is a C₁₋₄ alkyl group;

R³ is -CHO; and

 R^4 is $-CH(OH)-(CH_2)_q-CH_3$ (wherein q is an integer of 1 to 12),

an optical isomer thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[3] (original) The compound of claim 1 represented by formula (I), wherein

X is a halogen atom;

R¹ is a hydrogen atom;

R² is a C₁₋₄ alkyl group;

R³ is -CHO; and

 R^4 is $-CH(OH)-(CH_2)_q-CH_3$ (wherein q is an integer of 1 to 12),

an optical isomer thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[4] (original) The compound of claim 1 represented by formula (I), wherein

X is a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom;

R¹ is a hydrogen atom;

R² is a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₄ alkyl group;

R³ is -CHO; and

 R^4 is $-CH=CH-(CH_2)_p-CH_3$ (wherein p is an integer of 1 to 12),

an optical isomer thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[5] (currently amended) The compound of claim 1 selected from the following formulae:

[Formula 3-1]

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[Formula 3-2]

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[Formula 3-3]

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an optical isomer thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[6] (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one of a compound represented by formula (I),

[Formula 4]

$$X$$
 OR^1
 R^4
 OH
 OH

[wherein wherein

X is a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom;

 R^1 is a hydrogen atom or $-(C_nH_{2n})-R'$ (wherein n is an integer of 1 to 5; and R' is a hydrogen atom, a group COOR" or -COR" of a substituent on any one of the n carbon atoms, wherein R" is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-4} alkyl group; and R" is a pyridyl group, an amino group substituted with a C_{1-4} alkyl group, a phenoxyalkyl group having a halogen atom on the carbon atoms of the benzene ring or a phenyl group having a C_{1-4} alkoxy group or a C_{1-4} alkoxycarbonyl group on the carbon atoms of the benzene ring);

R² is a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₄ alkyl group;

R³ is –CHO or –COOH; and

 R^4 is $-CH=CH-(CH_2)_p-CH_3$ (wherein p is an integer of 1 to 12), $-CH(OH)-(CH_2)_q-CH_3$ (wherein q is an integer of 1 to 13),

-CH(OH)-CH₂-CH(CH₃)-(CH₂)₂-CH=C(CH₃)₂, -CH=CH-CH(CH₃)-(CH₂)₃-CH(CH₃)₂, -(CH₂)₂-CH(CH₃)-(CH₂)₃-CH(CH₃)₂ or -(CH₂)₈-CH₃],

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a compound represented by the following formulae:

[Formula 5-1]

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[Formula 5-2]

ОН

HC = O

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[Formula 5-3]

an optical isomer thereof and an pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

[7] (original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 6 comprising a compound represented by formula (I),

wherein

X is a hydrogen atom;

R¹ is a hydrogen atom;

R² is a C₁₋₄ alkyl group;

R³ is –CHO; and

 R^4 is $-CH(OH)-(CH_2)_q-CH_3$ (wherein q is an integer of 1 to 12.

[8] (original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 6 comprising a compound represented by formula (I),

wherein

X is a halogen atom;

R¹ is a hydrogen atom;

R² is a C₁₋₄ alkyl group;

R³ is –CHO; and

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 R^4 is $-CH(OH)-(CH_2)_q-CH_3$ (wherein q is an integer of 1 to 12.

[9] (original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 6 comprising a compound represented by formula (I),

wherein

X is a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom;

R¹ is a hydrogen atom;

R² is a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₄ alkyl group;

R³ is -CHO; and

 R^4 is $-CH=CH-(CH_2)_p-CH_3$ (wherein p is an integer of 1 to 12.

[10] (currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 6 comprising at least one of a compound represented by the following formulae:

[Formula 6-1]

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[Formula 6-2]

HĊ=O

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[Formula 6-3]

an optical isomer thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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[11] (original) The pharmaceutical composition of any one of claims 6 to 10 which comprises glycerin.

[12] - [17] cancelled

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